

A G E N D A

Clinical Advisory Panel



September 7, 2004

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM*

**Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Bldg., 2nd Fl. Sierra Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA**

I. IMR Update - HMO Help Center

Objective: To provide a summary of the IMR (independent medical review) system and trends in applications and results; an overview of the current process; and quality assurance efforts.

Facilitator: Tom Gilevich, Counsel, DMHC HMO Help Center.

II. IMR Patterns and Trends Concerning Autism

Objective: To review the disputes involving autism and related disorders that have been resolved through the IMR process, including an overview of the coverage and treatment issues underlying the cases.

Facilitator: Tom Gilevich, Counsel, DMHC, HMO Help Center.

III. Referrals to HIV/AIDS Specialists - DMHC Regulation 1300.67.60

Objective: To solicit public comment regarding the implementation and effect of the Department's January 2003 regulation (28 C.C.R. 1300.67.30). The regulation established standards for health plan compliance with providing referrals to specialists in the management and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients under the Knox-Keene Act.

Facilitator: Braulio Montesino, Senior Counsel, DMHC Office of Legal Services.

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